

SRI MALLIKARJUN KHARG:—Is it not a fact that about 10 years back the survey was completed? Ten years back it was surveyed and a report also is prepared and the cost per acre is estimated to be Rs 1.37 and the total cost involved is Rs 8 crores. When the estimate is ready, why is the Government delaying to give its approval?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA:—The hon member has not understo**o**d the facts correctly. In reply to Kagini Project the reply given is 'Yes' and in respect of Alipur tank project the reply given is 'No survey has been conducted so far'. Therefore, it is not correct to say that in respect of both the projects in the investigations are over. In regard to all projects, there are stages by which the projects will be designed. First is the line estimate, on the top sheet stage we see whether it is possible to have it constructed. After satisfying ourselves, line estimate will be made. If the Government is satisfied, then we order for detailed investigation. So, there are different stages in which project reports are made and the one the hon member referring is only a line estimate and now detailed estimates are being prepared. According to detailed estimate about 3 tmcft of water is likely to be used to irrigate an area of 20,000 acres.

SRI V. N. PATIL:—In view of the famine situation in that part, will the Government expedite investigation at the earliest time possible?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA:—In all the projects it is difficult to hustle through. If we hustle through we are likely to commit blunders and later on repent for it.

SRI J. P. SARWESH:—In almost all the taluks of Gulbarga medium and minor irrigation works are taken up and this project Kagini project is held up for over 10 years. May I know why it is not taken up yet?

SRI H. M. CHANNABASAPPA: I have been telling repeatedly that the project report was not ready 10 years back. It is only line estimate that is prepared. Now detailed studies are going and estimates will be prepared.

ABSORPTION OF VILLAGE PANCHAYAT SECRETARIES AS VILLAGE ACCOUNTANTS

(966) **SRI N. B. SIRDASAI (Khanapur):**—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether as per Government Notification issued on 1st January 1967 the Bombay Village Panchayat Secretary (Conditions of Service) Rules, 1948 are repealed and Secretaries appointed before 1st July 1967 are not treated as Panchayat Servants; But they are treated as Government Servants;

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(b) whether as per Government Letter No. GAD 15/SRL/70, dated 23rd November 1970 the Panchayat Secretaries who have put in continuous service of one year are eligible for regular appointment as Panchayat Secretaries ;

(c) whether in accordance with Government letter No. DPC 72 VDT/70 dated 10th March 1971 Village officer of both classes are eligible for appointment as Village Accountants ;

(d) whether in accordance with Mysore Panchayat (Secretaries Cadre and Recruitment) Rules 1970 and final Notification No. DPC. 72 VET 70 dated 18th November 1970 the Panchayat Secretaries appointed by Panchayats and prior to Government Notification dated 1st July 1967 are also to be treated as temporary or Secretaries appointed by the Deputy Commissioners after 18th November 1970 only are to be treated as temporary ;

(e) whether the Divisional Commissioner, Belgaum Division, has reported to Government and sought for clarification about the Retention continuance or Absorption of Village Panchayat Secretaries as the Village Accountants ?

SRI N. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY.— (Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare).

(a) (i) The Bombay Village Panchayat (Panchayat Secretaries) (Conditions of Service) Rules, 1948 are repealed as per Government Notification No. DPC. 38. VET 63, dated 1st July 1967.

(ii) Secretaries appointed before 1st July 1967 are treated as Panchayat Servants and not as Government Servants.

(b) The instruction issued in Government letter No. GAD 15 SRL 70 are applicable only to Civil Servants and not to Panchayat Servants. Hence, the question does not arise.

(c) Only such Village Officer as defined in Mysore General Service (Revenue Subordinate Branch) Village Accountants (Recruitment) Rules 1970 are eligible for appointment as Village Accountants.

(d) The Panchayat Secretaries appointed by the Deputy Commissioners of Districts as indicated in Rule 17 of the Mysore Local Government Service (Panchayat Secretaries Branch) (Cadre and Recruitment) Rules, 1962 and also those Panchayat Secretaries appointed as per rule 9-A of the said rules (inserted by Government Notification No. DPC. 6. BVP 65 dated 30th May 1966) are treated as temporary.

(e) Yes.

SRI N. B. SIRDesai.— May I know whether the Panchayat Secretaries appointed by Panchayats are treated as eligible for appointment as Village Accountants ?

† SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY :— Yes. They are.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI :— If they are eligible why the Deputy Commissioners have not called them for interview and recruited them as Village Accountants ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY :— Those who were not eligible may not have been selected. If they have not been called for an interview then they might not have been qualified even for that.

SRI N. B. SIRDESAI :— If it is brought to the notice of the Government that though they were qualified they have not been called for an interview and selected as Village Accountants what action the Government will take thereof ?

SRI M. MALLIKARJUNASWAMY :— In consultation with the Divisional Commissioners steps will be taken to see that they are rehabilitated.

MADAM SPEAKER :— Now Question Hour is over.

[QUESTION FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY (But not taken up)] ENQUIRY AGAINST THE B.D.O. BANGALORE SOUTH TALUK

(1993) SRI K. PRABAKAR :— (Varthur).—

Will the Minister for Community Development and Social Welfare be pleased to state :—

(a) whether the Departmental Enquiry pending against Shri B. Venkataswamy, formerly Block Development Officer in Bangalore South Taluk is completed ;

(b) whether it is not a fact that Government made a promise to this House that many allegations made against him would all be got inquired into by the Government ;

(c) whether the enquiry is completed if so, what is the amount to be recovered from him for irregularity ;

(d) the major irregularities committed by him in his official capacities during term of his office as a Block Development Officer in the Bangalore South Taluk ;

(e) the disciplinary or legal action proposed now to be taken against him for the proved irregularities ?